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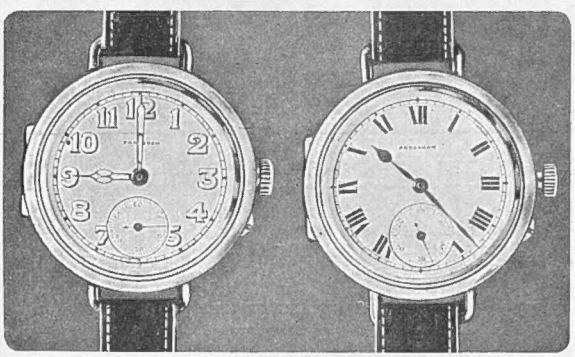

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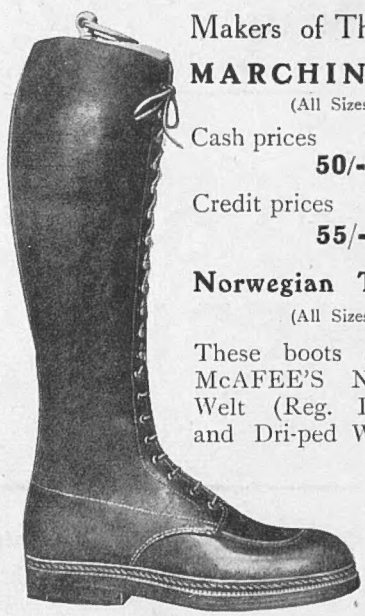

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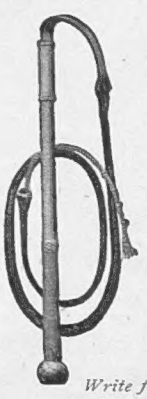

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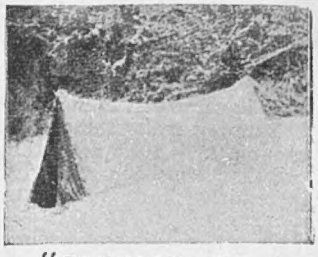

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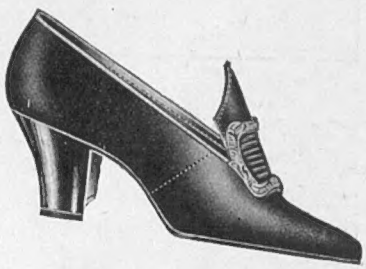

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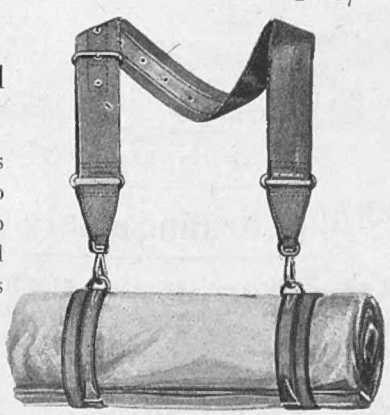

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BYSTANDER WAR COMMENTS

Speeding-Up and Hanging-On

It's the pace that kills. No talk of "speeding-up the war" is now heard among any of the belligerents. What with the Allied pressure by land and the U-boat pressure by sea the war has developed such a speed of its own that the thing is not how to speed-up, but how to hang on. After thirty months of sparring, interspersed with sundry savage bouts, we have come to death grips—which are, being interpreted, death to the side that ungrips first. It resolves itself, wise men are saying, into a race between Haig and the submarines—which can first choke the life out of the other side.

Replaceables and Irreplaceables

This estimate of the situation has the effect of relegating Hindenburg to the mere position of one who interposes in a quarrel. It is not incorrect. Indeed, it is borne out by Hindenburg himself bearing out the maxim that "they who in quarrels interpose will often get a bloody nose." Hindenburg's nose is dripping from one end of his line to the other, and is broken badly. As some fighters in such a plight lose their temper, which is bad, so he in his difficulties is losing his reserve, which is worse—for him. Indeed, if there are among BYSTANDERS any so poor of spirit as to be shivering over the German U-boats rather than elevated over the Allied victories I recommend them to this reflection: our losses are losses in ships; their losses are losses in men. You can replace ships—in extremity you can tighten your belt and do with very few; but you cannot replace men, and you cannot hang on without them—even though you boil them down to the last ounce and distil them out to the last drop.

In Terms of Food

If the British Army when it was "contemptible" had ever looked half as blue at Mons, the Marne, Ypres, or in the trenches that first winter as we at home are inclined to look over the U-boats—well, England would have been Prussian blue all over long ago. No affliction has ever been contrived yet, either in the war or before it, but its antidote has been quickly discovered. The only thing is to hold on meanwhile. Remember the first clouds of poison gas; the emergency masks made out of cotton-wool and calico; and now the perfect gas helmet. So with the U-boats. The "meanwhile" is the only doubtful factor; and Ministers are wonderfully dense in their dealings with it. If mere totals of ships sunk will not stop people gorging bread and if tonnage must be kept secret, surely it might have occurred to someone to issue comparative tables of the food weekly arriving at our ports before the war—and now. That would speak for itself, even to a food-hog.

The Russian Paradox

It is a paradoxical situation in Russia. When, as we know now, the country was soaked in pro-German influences, with a pro-German Court running a pro-German bureaucracy, Russia was putting up a tremendous fight, and we were all confidently looking for greater things yet. To-day the pro-German canker is cut out, and the pro-German Court and bureaucracy dismissed bag and baggage, and—well, there you are! The fact is that the pro-German canker is *not* so clean cut as might appear. Germany has always worked Russia on two strings—the Court and the Socialists. The Court string has been cut; she is driven to pulling the Socialist for all it is worth. Hence the paradox; and, of course, war itself is a paradox—the greatest of all paradoxes: fighting—for peace.

Some Budget

Dominie Sampson's favourite exclamation is the best epithet to apply to the Budget—Prodigious! The figures are too massive for the airy columns of THE BYSTANDER, but there is a startling index to them in the fact that the year's expenditure included advances to our pals of £594,000,000. A country that can do a little thing like that while paying its own way on the super-grand

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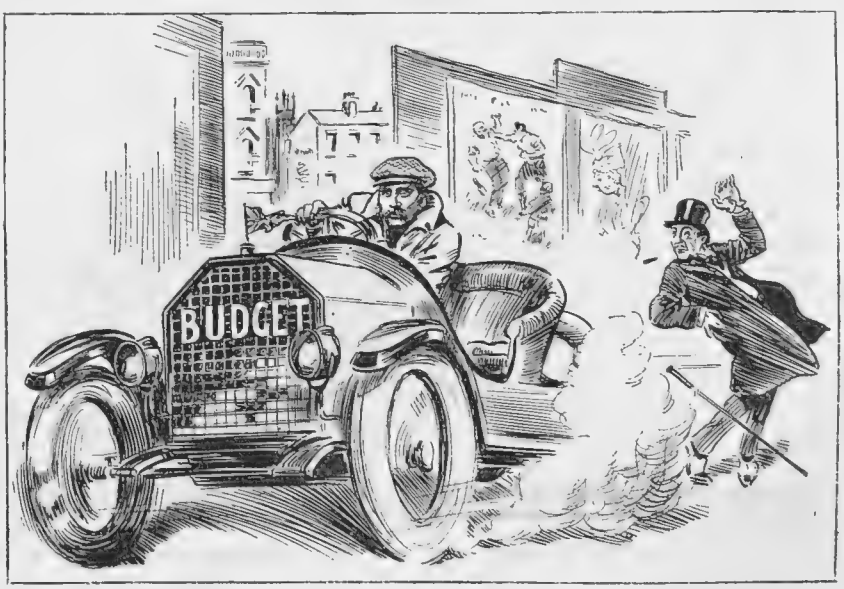

THE INCOME-TAX PAYER: "Just escaped this time!"

BYSTANDER COMMENTS (continued)

scale at the same time is—well, something to be proud about, isn't it? It seems not to be good form to say bluntly what an enormous share our Navy and Army have borne in the war; but money talks, and those hundreds of millions in advances enable one to ask without brag or argument where the world would have been in this war without the tiny island which on an ordinary atlas map of the world can scarcely be seen.

A Deadhead Poll Tax

One shocking blow the Chancellor of the Exchequer struck at one of the very foundations of our social life—I mean the extension of the amusement tax by which the grand old army of Deadheads see their complimentary tickets come under levy. It does bring the horrors of war home to one; but Mr. Bonar Law neglected another source of revenue which in a manner of speaking is on the same lines. All of us who are not actually fighting are in a sense deadheads—if only in the sense that we are occupying seats without paying for them with the risk of our lives. None of us who is not actually fighting can suffer any penalisation of his income that will bring it down to what "Tommy" gets. Wherefore I say a poll-tax—graduated—for every man not in khaki or navy-blue, irrespective of age, infirmity, occupation, or any other excuse. The levy is made in France and in Italy (though I believe only on eligible exempted men). Why not in England on *all*—and let grumble who dares.

H.M. THE KING
Talking to the Premier of New Zealand at an inspection of troops from that Dominion on Salisbury Plain

Supreme (German) Sacrifice

It has been left to our old friend Moraht to give away how badly the Germans are being pushed by our advance on the western front. The aim of the German strategy, said Moraht in a recent article, is (here follows the usual masterly lie) "even at the cost of abandoning the dead." That shows you, you know. One has heard of cutting one's losses, but here are the German rulers actually having to cut their profits. In another German article on the same day I notice, however, that what they lose on the body-boiling they make up on the town-cleaning. A Berlin message, describing the fatherly care with which the people of an evacuated French town were transferred nearer the Rhine, remarks, "Objects of value were taken charge of by the German authorities."

Reprisals

Reprisals are as unpleasant to practise as they are necessary to inflict. The Peers debated the subject last week, and I found myself cordially

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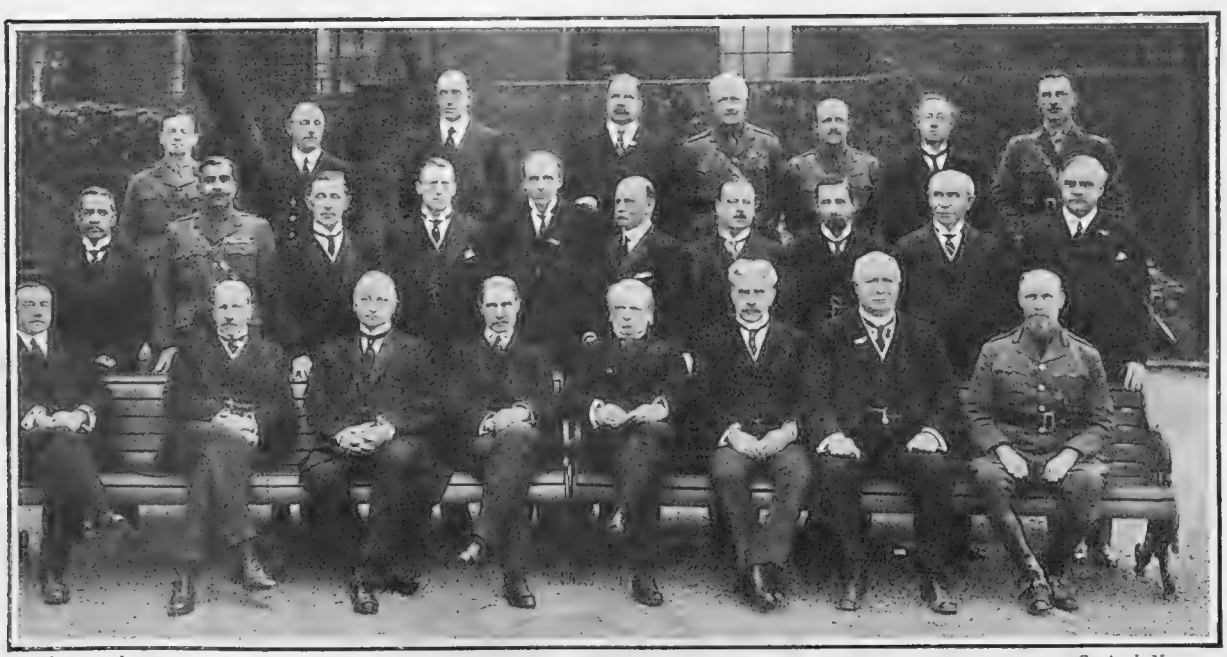
The History Makers

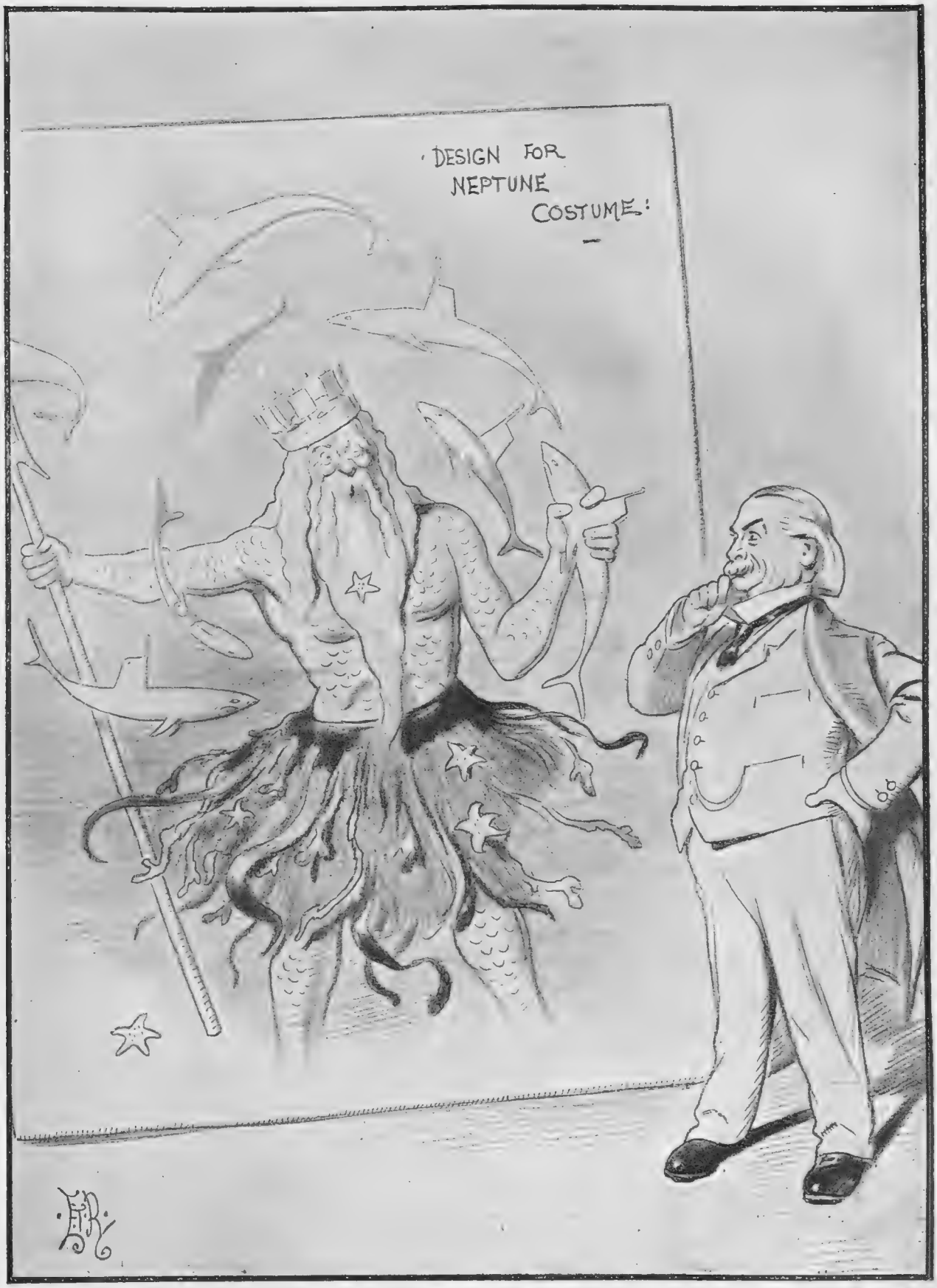


Photograph *Central News*

THE IMPERIAL WAR CABINET PHOTOGRAPHED IN THE GARDEN OF 10, DOWNING STREET

BACK ROW (*left to right*): Capt. Amery, Admiral Jellicoe, Sir E. Carson, Lord Derby, General Maurice, Sir M. Hankey, Mr. Lambert, Major Storr. CENTRE ROW (*left to right*): Sir S. Sinha, Maharajah of Bikaneer, Sir J. Meston, Mr. A. Chamberlain, Lord R. Cecil, Mr. W. Long, Sir J. Ward, Sir C. Perley, Mr. Rogers, Mr. Hazen. FRONT ROW (*left to right*): Mr. A. Henderson, Lord Milner, Lord Curzon, Mr. Bonar Law, Mr. Lloyd George, Sir Robert Borden, Mr. Massey, General Smuts

Our Protean Prime Minister



MR. LLOYD GEORGE: "Well, of course, they say, 'If you want a thing well done, do it yourself,' but, really!—must I get myself up like that?!!"

(Some of those dear disinterested politicians have started the rumour that the Premier intends himself to assume the office of First Lord of the Admiralty)

BYSTANDER COMMENTS (*concluded*)

agreeing with the noble lords who favoured reprisals and then warmly in sympathy with the noble lords who reprobated them. Unfortunately you can't have it both ways. "It hurts me more than it does you, my boy," said the anguished father who had to chastise his child. "Yes, father—but not in the same place!" And it is something the same with reprisals. We do hate them; they do hurt us; they are altogether repugnant to our ideas and our ideals; but they hurt the Germans in the only place through which any appeal is possible to ruffians and brutes—their skins. Do not let us make the mistake of having so nice a regard for our duty towards our enemy as to neglect our duty towards our wounded.

Our Blinded Soldiers and Sailors

But besides doing our duty to our wounded in that way, there is another, and a far pleasanter, way; and of all our wounded none needs our dutiful help more than the soldier or sailor who has made for us the sacrifice of his eyesight. To remedy, even in part, this absolute catastrophe for a man, and to make his loss a handicap only instead of a terrible affliction, demands immense courage on the part of the man, patience and determination on the part of those who are working to this end, and—here is where *we* come in—a plentiful and continuous supply of funds. The men are all right—you have only to go to St. Dunstan's, in Regent's Park, to see that for yourself; the people who are doing their best to make life tolerable for them are also all right—that you will also see at the same place. And now, what about ourselves? How can *we* help?

Photograph *Lallie Charles*

LADY IRENE DENISON
Only daughter of the Earl of Londesborough, and
H.H. PRINCE ALEXANDER OF BATTENBERG, G.C.V.O.
Whose engagement was announced last week

Photograph *Speaight*

The Albert Hall Bazaar

One way to help is to go, with a large wad of "Bradburys," to the St. Dunstan's Bazaar now in progress at the Albert Hall. Opened by Queen Alexandra on Monday, it closes on Thursday evening, and is quite the most wonderful affair of its kind ever held. For a list of the stall-holders you can take the index to "Debrett" and "Burke" as a rough guide; for the things they sell you might almost consult a catalogue of a national art museum. Do not miss this show; and, since you will thank THE BYSTANDER for giving you this good advice, be sure and visit Lady Bessborough's stall, where many famous pictures by *Graphic*, *Daily Graphic*, and BYSTANDER artists will be sold for the good of the cause. Sir Arthur and Lady Pearson, who have organised this huge enterprise, deserve congratulations as well as thanks.

HOW I WON MY LIZZIE. By E. LILIAN FIELD

I USED to go courtin' my Lizzie
In the days when there wasn't no war,
When people were happy and busy
With things that they don't want no more.

We used to walk out then together,
My Lizzie and me, arm in arm,
We didn't care much 'bout the weather—
I bet I could keep 'er quite warm!

We fell out one day, she and I did,
The reason would cause you surprise,
"I can't marry you," she confided,
"'Cause you 'aven't a pair of blue eyes.

"My 'usband," she sez, "*must* 'ave blue eyes,"
Sez I with a norrible frown:
"Since I can't get myself any new eyes
You'll 'ave to put up with the brown."

But she wouldn't—the obstinate 'ussy!
"Very well, miss," I sez, "then we part."
And because I don't like bein' fussy,
I won't tell you the state of me 'eart.

When the war came I took the King's shillin',
And soon I was dressed in khaki;
I'm sure I was ready and willin'—
Didn't care much what 'appened to me.

Well, I got to the Front—fought at Wipers;
It really was rather a lark,
But it landed me, thanks to the snipers,
At St. Dunstan's, that's in Regent's Park.

"What colour," they sez, "were your eyes then?
We'll get you the same as you've lost."
"A beautiful blue," I replies then—
You bet that my fingers were crossed!

Then I gets them to write to my Lizzie:
"Would you come round and visit me still?
That is, if you ain't much too busy—
Your always devoted friend, Bill."

God-bless 'er—she wasn't too busy;
"What *'ave* you done, William?" she cries.
"I've been to the Front," I sez, "Lizzie,
To get you a pair of blue eyes!"

Personalities at the St. Dunstan's Bazaar for our Blinded Heroes at the Albert Hall

LADY HAIG
Wife of Sir Douglas Haig, the Commander-in-Chief of our armies in France

LADY JELLICOE
Wife of Sir John Jellicoe, G.C.B., First Sea Lord of the Admiralty

LADY PEARSON
Wife of Sir Arthur Pearson, who is helping to organise the Bazaar, is Chairman of the Stalls Presidents Committee

PRINCESS ALEXANDER OF TECK
Who presides over the "Jerseys" Stall

The Countess of BESSBOROUGH
Who presides at the "Graphic," "Daily Graphic," and "Bystander" Stall

THE COUNTESS OF CARNWATH
Presiding at the "Fancy" Stall

THE DUCHESS OF BEAUFORT
Whose Stall will be a centre of attraction

The St. Dunstan's Bazaar, on behalf of our blinded sailors and soldiers, now in progress at the Albert Hall, is proving enormously attractive; and little wonder, when what is, in fact, a view of a most interesting exhibition can be combined with doing a little to help those poor men who, for their country's sake, have lost for ever one of man's most priceless possessions

Photographs by Russell, Hoppé, Ethel Cave, and Bassano

Russia in London

The Russian Exhibition, now on view at the Grafton Galleries, should do a great deal to familiarise the people of this country with the life, manners, customs, art, literature, and commercial products of our Russian allies. Miss McKie has sketched a few of the characteristic people and things to be seen at the exhibition, which should draw the town

"IN ENGLAND-NOW!"

A WEEKLY LETTER FROM "BLANCHE"

LONDON, *May* 7, 1917.

DEAR COUSIN—

WE grow almost *accustomed* to heroism in England now, so moving and so wonderful are the stories that reach us every day of the gallantry and the patience and the self-sacrifice and blind devotion to duty of our fighting men, not only in France, but in all those other far-off lands where Britain is in arms.

"Russian clothes are always very much the thing"

* *

WHAT glorious pages they're writing in the Book of History, and how shall we ever thank them for all that they have done and are doing? For the things they do are braver and more wonderful than any other things men have done before. In comparison mere child's play, just jolly deeds of derring-do, are the romantic adventures told by Homer in the Iliad of the Greeks at Troy, by Froissart in his "Chronicles," Macaulay in the "Lays of Ancient Rome," or Malory in the "Morte D'Arthur."

* *

HOW Horatius kept the bridge is nothing to the way many of the most obscure and most youthful of modern second-lieuts. have "stuck" the sort of hell one can hardly bear to think about. In this last push there are the stands made by the men of the Argyll and Sutherland and the Middlesex Regiments, for days and nights of concentrated agony, and that of the Worcesters, charged by 7,000 Huns.

* *

"WAVE upon wave of the enemy broke over them and drove past them. . . . They were completely cut off, their water failed, they suffered agonies of thirst. . . . but no man thought of surrender. All the while a hurricane of shell-fire burst on all sides, and the dust and smoke added to their thirst and strain. . . . When small supplies of water reached them some men had completely lost their voice, and few could speak clearly. Tongues were swollen and lips parched to extremity even in those who had suffered no wounds."

APROSE epic these days, the simplest tale in the papers of our men-at-arms. Their gallantry makes one's heart beat faster, their sufferings bring tears to one's eyes, and the thought of them out there is always at the back of our minds as we go comfortably on as usual here at home in England, where spring-time's come at last and all the earth is lovely as a song. Fortunate those not distressed by the cruelty and the waste of war! Plenty exist, 'specially amongst the women. One meets them every day. Just now they're "fed up" with the war. Leave from the front, you see, is scarce as sugar; and now that one can't get cakes for tea. . . .

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BUT there is no lack of wounded—though even of them the hateful Hun has now deprived us, that small sea passage we traversed so often in the days of peace in such sublime safety on our way to Paris, or Le Touquet, or the Riviera being now rather too warlike altogether for invalids. Unlike all other wars, this is a war on the wounded, as made by the Hun, anyway. So now we're not to have our men home again, even when the war has done for them; and how *they* hate the new no-more-Blighty regulation, poor dears.

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"You still can't be fed at any amusing restaurant unless you come early or have booked your table"

AND apropos, doctors'll soon be fearfully few and far between if the new rules about *them* really go through and all we can spare are popped off to France. I foresee a nervy summer for the *malade imaginaire* who likes a doctor, preferably an attractive one, always on the end of the telephone at the very least; and we are besought not to fuss over minor ailments, such as chills, German measles, war-bread-indigestion, and the like. In a word, the comfy civilian, secure and snug from war's alarms, has got to feel the draught a bit. It won't hurt us. We shall always be a thousand times better off, anyway, than the cushiest-jobbed soldierman out there.

"A worm of a Hun puts up his hands"

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"TALK about the abomination of desolation!" writes one who, however, is by no means cushily ensconced. "Battlefields are, indeed, depressing places—especially when the show is over. Our artillery is perfectly wonderful, and they work like demons, but I think an attack on a German trench is to the *n*th degree disappointing. You see red for about two seconds, and then a worm of a Hun puts up his hands and you stop. Absolutely *no* satisfaction killing in cold blood when he's no weapon to resist you—except their devilish machine-guns, and the havoc *they* do is terrible. But, thank Heaven, Englishmen don't put their hands up."

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IT'S from farther away than France—German East Africa—that a K.A.R. man wants me to "be a sport and let him just know what you giddy people at home think about this little war of ours out here, where we, at any rate, are 100 miles from anywhere, and living primitive like. Oh, Lord, Blanche, one *does* miss the lights o' London at times! After all, the poor devils in the trenches (about whom the whole world hears so much) do get *some* leave sometimes; whereas we wait until fever or Huns settle the matter. You people at home never even hear of us, do you? We feel distinctly forgotten and unappreciated. Won't you write to us?"

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YOU know, I always *used* to think—didn't you?—that it was only we poor, weak, clinging women who had to be *told* people loved us and missed us and wanted us, etc., etc. But the longer I live in this world the more obvious it is to me that there are two kinds of children in it, the real ones—and men; and the men ones are even more childlike than even *I* thought 'em—babes, in fact. Though my K.A.R. man is right, of course. To an extent, we are apt, perhaps, to forget just a little our far-flung battle-fighters, so obsessed do we become with the terror nearer home, in France; but "unappreciated"—no, that I *can't* plead guilty to.

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AND perhaps it's part of the price of being an Empire-maker, what, to be rather lonely in your well-doing. In this little island of ours that

> . . is so very small and very green,
> And full of little lanes all dense with flowers.

we *are* apt to be insular. Why, hundreds, thousands of people haven't even really realised yet that there's a war in France, or if they do know it it's only because of the dearness of things, or because women "conduct" the 'buses.

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HERE in London we go on in so amazingly unwarlike a fashion that one only wonders it's not heard more often, that rather pathetic cry from the battle-fields—Can the people at home really realise? Splendidly though everything's gone, and finely though everything's working out, there's worse to come, of course, and before it's over we must set our teeth on the certainty of even heavier casualties, though, God knows, since the great push they've been heavy enough if they *are* less than anticipated.

"That'll mean looking forward many years farther than 1918"

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OUR carnal appetites certainly have been suppressed a bit; you need to have the digestion of an ox to orgy-ise on war-bread, and you can't buy sugar when you want to, or potatoes—except in Ireland, where, like young men, they abound and flourish exceedingly; but though the U-boat figures don't get any better, and Food Controllers make frantic appeals daily, little's

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A Page of War Personalities

MARSHAL JOFFRE AND GENERAL PETAIN
(The new Chief of Staff of the French Army), on the steps of the citadel at Verdun

GENERAL SIR WILLIAM ROBERTSON
On his visit to the Italian front on the Trentino

Belgian Official

KING ALBERT OF BELGIUM
With his two sons, Prince Leopold and Prince Charles, taking a walk on the seashore in Flanders

Belgian Official

THE QUEEN OF THE BELGIANS
With her sons leaving a little church in the sand dunes on the Flanders coast

"IN ENGLAND—NOW!" (*concluded*)

really *done*, and I'm afraid it's one of those idealistic dreams like our pre-war views about Germany, even to hope that *hoi polloi*, who, after all, do count numerically, are doing, or ever will do, anything in the rationing line just because they're put on their honour.

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As for threats—they're about as useless as appeals, and there are lots of people who think it'd be far better, if things are really so serious as the Controllers say, to cut the cackle at once and come to the tickets which it's now admitted *must* come sooner or later. The voluntary system's had its run, and a good one. It's high time we tried another way before there's serious trouble.

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For the rest, as I've told you, the wheel of life turns quite amazingly cheerfully in London now. Rations or no rations, you still can't be fed at any amusing restaurant unless you've booked your table or come early. There's the Academy as usual, and dozens of smart picture-shows. Several new revues last week—with war-time frocks (alleged)—as well as a new *Hamlet*, and a new opera season, which is the forerunner of a really smart Beecham one at Drury Lane in June. "Days" and the *chic*-est of charity shows keep Mayfair and the best Kensington and Bayswater busy as bees; and mornings in the Park, with the trees in bud and the daffodils on the grass, are great enticers from "war-work."

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As to the shows, the Russian one at the Grafton is sure to attract, war or no war—Russian clothes and styles are always very much the thing, and there's a Russian restaurant and Russian cookery demonstrations of recipes alleged economical. I shall be pleased to meet them, for all the Russian dishes I know, Bortsch and caviare, and that sort of thing, always add horribly to the bill. Also, a Joan of Arc "day" this week—more flags, or, anyway, emblems, and a pageant of fair women, which, perhaps, seems a little—well, over-picturesque in wartime, though most of them are in "Debrett"; and in the name of Charity nothing matters, of course.

SPRING AT LAST!—OR IS IT SUMMER?
A fair rider snapped in the Park on one of the few mornings this year when riding in the Row has been thoroughly enjoyed

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But there's no sort of doubt about the appeal of the big bazaar at the Albert Hall that's for our blinded soldier and sailormen and that Queen Alexandra's opening—her first appearance since her widowhood in one of Royalty's chief rôles. It'll be *the* great problem of the many big after-the-war ones—how to make careers for our poor hurt men; and a lifetime problem, too, that'll mean looking forward many, many years farther than the 1918 that the Prime Minister hints at as the date for the war's end. Gets pushed further and further forward, doesn't it, that fateful date?

With love, yours ever, BLANCHE

As much as their elders, the children are enjoying the change of weather, and add considerably to the picturesqueness of the Row when taking their early morning ride

The Point of View

PASSED BY CENSOR

BENEVOLENT LADY (to mine-sweeping A.B., who has been recounting his adventures): "Dear me, how dreadful for you to have had your ship mined!"

A.B.: "Dreadful? Why, Lor' bless me, lady, they give us a fortnight's survivors' leaf!"

BY LIEUT. ARTHUR WATTS, R.N.V.R

Crumbs of Comfort

THE bread question is, apparently, getting serious—so serious, in fact, that the Government is asking the public not to eat so much bread as usual. It does not seem to have occurred to the Government to prescribe a standard form of bread that is inedible in large quantities, yet the authorities seem to have had the germ of this idea in providing for the bread now in use. As it is our daily bread is none too palatable, and it must be bringing joy to the hearts of wholesale vendors of indigestion mixtures; but if people are still eating too much, it would seem to be only a question of "standardising" bread a little more, so that no one would eat it at all unless he were very hungry indeed.

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IT seems a pity, by the way, that most of our Directors start to govern us by "Don'ts." Men need most to be told what they ought to do, and not what they ought not to do. They may be confidently relied upon to find out for themselves what they ought not to do.

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BREAD seems to be quite a fetish with the Food Controller, perhaps because someone once said that it is the Staff of Life. It may be so; but, as Sir Walter Scott said of literature, it is a very poor crutch. These frenzied appeals to the public to eat less bread leave a great many estimable people quite cold, for the simple reason that they do not eat bread. Quite a number of people keep themselves well-nourished without using bread at all.

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IF I were the Food Controller (*absit omen!*) I think I would give bread a rest. I would interview a few of the food cranks and find out from them whether they consider life is really worth living on a diet of haricot beans and cabbage stalks. If the answer proved to be in the affirmative, it would be something to go on with. I think I would also include in my advertisements a note of the stocks of other foods that can be taken in the place of bread.

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THE mistake our Controllers make is that they will not lay their cards on the table. We know now that the bread supply is short; but we do not know what quantities of other foods are in stock. Could not the news be broken to us without giving information to the enemy? If the Food Controller wants to save his bread he should announce that "Macaroni is Cheap To-Day!" or urge the simpler recommendation, "Have a banana!"

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I READ in a paper recently that an official of the Food Controller's Department confided to the Press the news that the man who does hard physical labour of any kind ought to have more bread than the sedentary worker. Some people, however, think the physical labourer would do better on a breakfast of lentils and cheese, which would start the day much better for him than an overdose of standard bread that spent the rest of the morning gnawing at his vitals. That fine old institution, the British breakfast table, has been violently handled during the last year or two. So many of its agreeable little superfluities have been cut off that the bread might as well be cut off with them. The Food Controller might find something better for us, and, after all, when you come to think of it, that's his job.

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THE bread-ticket was made in Germany, and is a doubtful benefit, anyway. Germans have always been wild and weird feeders. A man who can sit down to a breakfast of cold liver sausage and hot *sauerkraut* without having floating spots before his eyes for the rest of the morning is not a safe average to bank upon. The Scotch live a good deal on oatmeal; and they seem to be a hefty race. Then there is haggis. I do not know what haggis is made of. I trust I shall never know, because I once tasted some at a Scotch dinner in London, and I want to forget it.

ARNOLD GOLSWORTHY

"CALL A SPADE——"

The sort of spade every allotment holder thinks he is using after digging in new soil for about twenty minutes

Down on the Farm

SOME ILLUSTRATED NOTES FOR 1917

STANDING EASY

X.—COME TO THE PARTY.

By DELL LEIGH

"WHAT shall we do now?" He had paid the limited bill, two-thirds of which was fluid and a third solid, according to regulations. "There *is* nothing to do nowadays, is there?—except go to bed, and I'm damned if I am going to do that." He had arrived from France three hours ago, but the Turkish bath and a civilised dinner had partially removed the strained look from his eyes. His brother had been home three months, recovering from a bullet through the right lung, and had suggestions.

"Oh, yes, there's plenty to do," he said, "come to the party. I told them I should bring you."

"What party? Thought they'd stopped all that sort of thing."

"My dear boy, an Englishman's flat is his castle—especially if he's famous. They have killed public revelry by night, and the private show reigns in its stead. Ivan Navarre is *chez lui ce soir* (remember him?—feller that wrote 'The North-East Rhapsody'), and everybody who likes going to bed with the morning milk will be there."

"Right ho! I'm rather dirty, but no matter."

⁂ ⁂

HAVING picked two stars (friends of the wounded brother) from out the firmament of the Eldorado Theatre, they drove to the flat where great songs are distilled, and ascended miles of narrow, polished stairs. Within, the babel of tongues had broken loose. The songster, a perfect host, waved a glass at them in welcome from the distance, and continued talking volubly to four women at a side table.

⁂ ⁂

BEFORE the brother disappeared into the Scylla of laughter and the Charybdis of ragtime he whispered: "All that is required is that you should be natural, and don't talk army shop to the women; they will yawn in your face."

The Leave Man leant against the wall in the hall and marvelled. The songster had his piano, a frail-looking thing, but sweet of tone, on a raised dais in the drawing-room. Hereabouts were clustered men and women whom the picture papers had long since made famous. Through many weary months in French billets the Leave Man had studied these faces wistfully—and here they all were, in ordinary clothes and no grease paint, lolling in chairs or on the floor—dozens of them!

⁂ ⁂

AND in the midst, at the piano, sat an ugly, unknown man in khaki, playing a lilting tune with superb touch, the while an appreciative audience swayed unconsciously to and fro to the melody. Incidentally, this queer individual played on, almost without ceasing, for four hours, and ragtime after syncopated ragtime flowed as a smooth stream from his large fingers. The hall door was incessantly open, as the stage, legitimate and otherwise, poured in and threw its cloaks and hats pell-mell about the place. Everyone was a dear friend of everyone else, and only the Leave Man stood apart, as it were, on the edge of the waters. This was an entirely new life. The turmoil of two years' war had produced no sensation which he could liken to this. It was, in fact, the stage at play; and not only the stage. He had been carried, on the incoming tide, well into the room by now, and glancing back into the crowded hall he saw a blue uniform with a row of medal ribbons and a royal personage deep in chaffing conversation with the little comedian from the Diplomats Theatre.

⁂ ⁂

THE women, nearly all of them beautiful, took no notice of the men, except as sisters would. They whose whole life was spent being admired amid a blaze of electricity were for a few short hours off duty, and duly appreciated the interlude. Everyone sang, or not, as they listed. A *petite* woman, *very* famous, who longed for a *real* part "instead of the muck they give me," asked the Leave Man for a match, and befriended him. "Yes," she explained laughingly, "we're a queer lot, aren't we, but it's fine to get a party like this sometimes—takes you away from your own particular show, you know, where there is always some damned thing or other to worry you."

The Leave Man thought of his own particular "show," which consisted chiefly of looking down upon the German lines from varying heights and being heavily "archied" during the process, and he smiled.

⁂ ⁂

THEREAFTER followed stunt upon impromptu stunt. Little Leslie Henderson, of Frivolity fame, and Blanche Seedling, of "the other" theatre, monopolised the drawing-room floor for twelve hysterical minutes, all the queer comedy of the one being merged into the American abandon of the other—and nothing to aid them but a couple of Morris sofa cushions, some artificial roses, plucked hastily from the mantelpiece, and the Unknown One at the piano playing Mendelssohn's "Spring Song."

Then the Bud sang "Sea Fever," and not a finger moved throughout the song. These people knew good stuff when they got it, and although it was scarcely more than a child singing, there was that in her voice and dramatic intensity which made at least one producer in the doorway congratulate himself on having booked her for a coming show.

⁂ ⁂

AT four of the clock the brother and the Leave Man walked to their club. At a street corner a husky voice importuned them from the kerb. "Early mornin' paiper, sir . . . great British advance . . . great fights in the air, sir . . . 'eavy German losses. . . ."

The Leave Man yawned. "I suppose there *is* a war going on, after all; great Scott! I had forgotten all about it."

Which was exactly what the thoughtful brother had intended.

The Modern Fabius

WHOSE WISDOM AND STRATEGY SAVED HIS COUNTRY

Photograph R. Meley, Paris

JOFFRE — MARÉCHAL DE FRANCE

Shrapnel Pars

"ACH HIMMEL!" exclaimed the Kaiser when he heard about the Dover patrol exploit. This, of course, was simply his vulgar way of saying, "Good Evans!"

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THE member who wanted to know why the Government had none of the imported ginger ought to know that our Ministers find things hot enough as it is.

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"A PERSON under twenty-five years of age," says Lord Hugh Cecil, "is almost always very critical." Quite so, and so is the position of a person under forty-five years of age.

❋

THE German Wireless Press denies the statements about the Corpse Conversion Factory, and points out that Great Britain was the first to complain. It is, of course, true that the unfortunate German victims maintain silence on the point.

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THE animals at the London Zoological Gardens have now been put on war rations, and a keeper declares that the elephants are wondering what is the matter. The tortoise, on the other hand, decided to emigrate, so it moved another inch.

WHAT DID HE MEAN?

"Didn't you feel homesick sometimes, Denis?"

"Sure; but I used to look at your photograph, and then I didn't feel homesick any more!"

BY its blood-curdling shriek, "To-day the food thunderbolt has fallen!" the *Evening News* reminded us that when the heavens formerly intervened in food questions they used to do it in a much more satisfactory manna.

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ANOTHER halfpenny howler has been adjuring us to "pull in our belts for victory." But surely it won't help matters to deprive us of all stomach for the fight.

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ALL very well for Captain Bathurst to say that people "keep dogs at their own peril"; but if the pets increase the food shortage, it seems fairly obvious that their owners keep them at other people's peril.

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ACCORDING to Mr. Garvin, the making of a tunnel between Great Britain and Ireland would go far towards solving the Irish question. On the homœopathic principle, no doubt — one big "bore" as a cure for another!

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THE most timid Royalist need have no fear that our ancient Monarchy is shaky. During the past fortnight it has quite comfortably survived not only an attack by H. G. Wells, but a defence by Horatio Bottomley.

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THE Harmsworth family evidently mean to solve the Irish riddle between them. Brother Harold has a plan now. *He* thinks you have only to exclude Tyrone and Fermanagh, and then the warring factions will be ready to lay their Armagh Down.

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THE CI men are greatly interested to find that work in the North of France is going to be regarded as "Home Service." This must be to strengthen the *Entente*, we suppose. "Hands across the CI," in fact.

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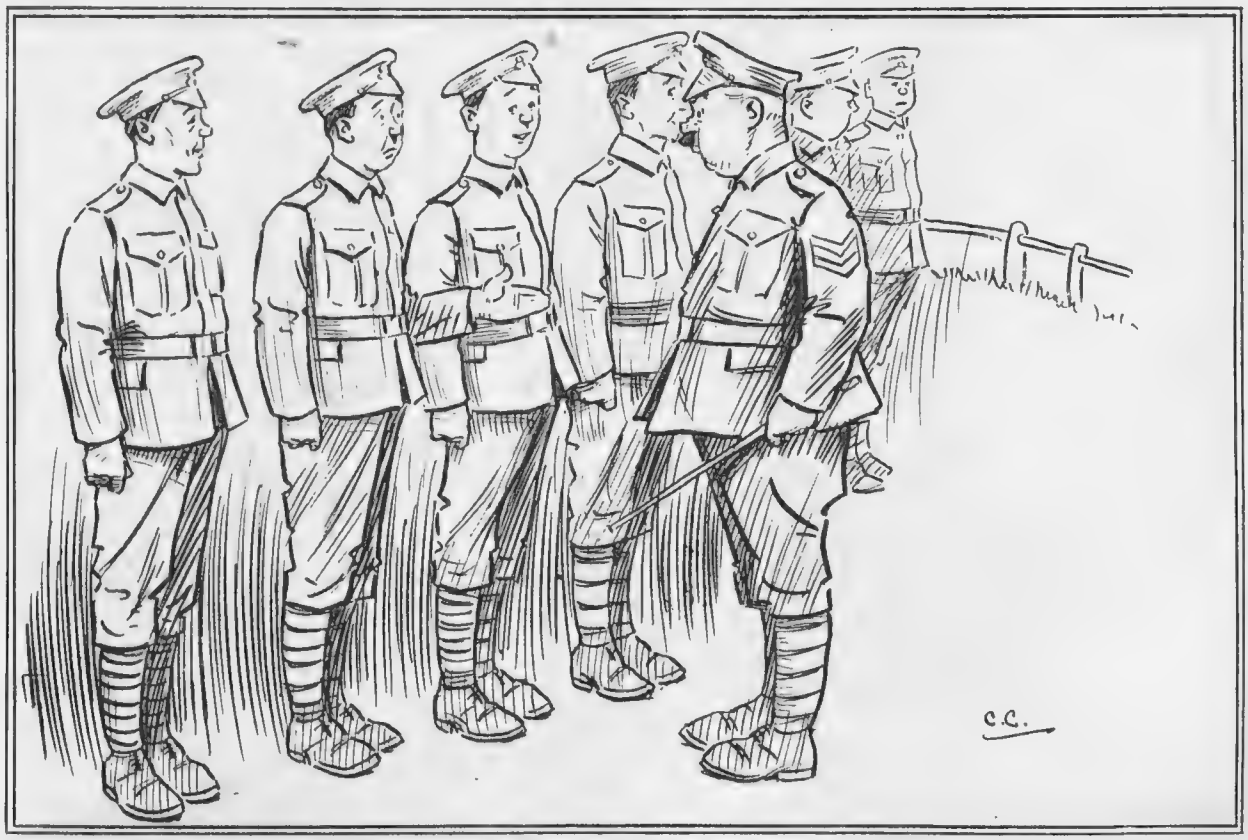
KEEP WELL INSIDE
your food ration, and then your food ration will help you to
KEEP WELL INSIDE.

(*What* a pity posters are prohibited!)

Our Comprehensive English Language

COMMINATORY

"I know you have pet names for the big guns, but what do you call the shells?"
"Depends 'ow close you are to where they burst, mum!"



EXPLANATORY

SERGEANT (to recruit who has turned to the right instead of to the left): "Don't yer know yer right from yer left? 'Old out yer left 'and. Right! Nah it's yer right 'and wot's left. *Nah* do yer understand?"

PASSED BY CENSOR

OTHER TIMES—OTHER MANNERS

BY CAPTAIN BRUCE BAIRNSFATHER

"Somewhere in Flanders"

PASSING THROUGH PARIS

BY "JACK JOHNSON"

MY DEAR BYSTANDER—

THE first impression one gains on entering Paris is that a great simplicity has descended upon the people; perhaps realising what might have been in 1914, they seem to be more conscious than ever before of the beauties of their city, and are anything but exacting in their search for entertainment. One notes, too, with a slight quickening of the pulse, that the lady cyclist has blossomed out again, and, garbed in a neat, well-cut costume, with reticule in hand, she threads her way swiftly and skilfully through the maze of traffic, the embodiment of Gallic feminine grace.

⁂ ⁂

BUT not even war can rob Paris of her charms. How can a day be passed more fruitfully than to wander in the sunshine of the Tuileries Gardens, there to marvel at the beauties of the Louvre, enhanced a thousandfold in splendour by mental comparison with the depressing architectural relics of the North of France? And in the foreground we note with kindly interest the wounded *filleul* take sweet counsel of his *marraine*, while far off among the trees ingenuous youths, with happy cries, indulge frantically in a weird kind of game suggesting a compromise of rackets, badminton, and tennis.

⁂ ⁂

AND if the humour take us there is innocent joy to be gained in ambling round the town in an open *fiacre* (having coerced our Jehu into submission); to rumble slowly and restfully along the banks of the Seine to the quaint old Place des Vosges, and then to the tomb of Napoleon, where, taking a stormy farewell of our bellicose driver, we may devote a thoughtful ten minutes in silent contemplation of the casket which contains the mortal remains of that amazing man.

⁂ ⁂

AND so sauntering through the Invalides, to take joyful stock *en passant* of the latest trophies wrested from the Hun, we cross the magnificent old Pont Alexandre, and find ourselves strolling up the Champs Elysées towards the Bois—that irresistible goal of the pilgrim on a sunny day in spring—and there we may idly watch the cavaliers of many nations and uniforms go cantering bravely by, or if we are nature-lovers we may observe with a thrill of admiration the shy struggles of the chestnut blossoms to impinge upon a shivering world; or, if more energetically inclined, we may journey on the little toy railway as far as the Zoological Gardens, where a diverting hour or so may be passed in inspecting the animals and feeding the monkeys, smacking the elephant, or poking the alligator in the ribs, according to our individual inclinations.

⁂ ⁂

ALL things bloom in the spring, and while a short time ago the great majority of the theatres, music-halls, and cinemas were closed these are now budding into life with a profusion that is cheerful to behold, and if at the end of a restful day we feel the need of a little light histrionic *divertissement* then we may pay our tribute to the talented Mistinguett at the Folies Bergères.

⁂ ⁂

THE method of this bewitching lady is to wander on to the stage *viâ* the audience, much to the discomfiture of the unfortunate flap-sitters in the gangway; and as, with fairy grace, she perambulates towards the footlights the vision of some stout old gentleman in the stalls

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PASSED BY CENSOR

MARKED FOR PROMOTION

OFFICER: "Are you General Fatigue?"

TOMMY: "No, sir, I'm Private Williams"

"*SOMEWHERE IN FLANDERS*" (*concluded*)

will of a sudden engender in her snowlike bosom a storm of tender emotions, to which immediate expression simply cannot be denied. Advancing eagerly towards her unsuspecting victim she climbs nimbly on to his knee, steals a shapely arm around his neck, and (before taking her departure to charm the house with song and dance, supported by a chorus of slightly corpulent ladies with waving legs) imprints a stinging kiss upon his forehead, leaving behind a large ruby patch as a souvenir of the auspicious occasion, a brand which, it is hoped, the poor fellow has no difficulty in subsequently explaining to the entire satisfaction of the partner of his joys and sorrows.

THERE was only one blemish to my visit to Paris, and that was an item on my hotel bill of 20 francs for *dégâts considerables*. It was a most regrettable matutinal affair. Turning on the hot water in my bath I had retired again to my bed and promptly relapsed into a condition of delightful coma, from which I was rudely aroused by a loud hammering on the door, accompanied by a crisp managerial voice, which announced the mournful intelligence that at that very moment a cataract of scalding water was breaking on to the folded underwear of the gentleman in the room underneath. . . .

Yours ever,

JACK JOHNSON

THE BEGGING DACHSHUND

"It's rather an unfortunate position for a dog like me—but I think I had better begin to practise it"

BY I. A. SHEPHERD

In the Support Trench

PASSED BY CENSOR

Old Bill has practically decided to try to get Private Shinio (the ex-comedy-juggler-and-hand-balancer) transferred to another platoon

BY CAPTAIN BRUCE BAIRNSFATHER

A Girl's "One-Man-Show"

Photograph *Bertram Park*

MISS IRENE RICHARDS

Whose very attractive portrait appears above, is to be "released for one day only" from the cast of "Theodore and Co." at the Gaiety to give a vocal and dramatic recital at the Æolian Hall on May 10, in aid of the St. Dunstan's blinded soldiers and sailors. Miss Richards, who is only eighteen, has a glorious voice, and plenty of confidence in her own powers, as she is going to carry the programme through almost entirely herself

LONDON NIGHTS ENTERTAINMENTS

"THREE CHEERS"!

AT THE SHAFTESBURY

BY "JINGLE"

Illustrated by Norman Morrow

THIS is a personally conducted triumph by Mr. Harry Lauder, who appears in every scene of the revue except the first. As a mere effort of physical endurance his performance is no small thing; yet he is the great artist all the while. His impressive personality dwarfs even the brilliant work of his companions; and while he is on the stage nothing else seems to matter. Whether he is conducting a graceful love scene with a demure Scottish lassie, or whether he is telling the audience the more prosaic story of "a row with the missus," his conscientious care for detail is quite wonderful.

THE revue, which is by Mr. Harry Grattan, is very well written. Indeed, there is a little pretence at a plot, but as the author apologises handsomely for this little lapse quite early in the proceedings, it may be charitably overlooked. The idea is that a wealthy Scot is prepared to give his nephew a present of fifty thousand pounds (this seems quite a favourite sum with authors just now) provided the nephew shall have led a blameless life. Consequently other claimants to the money strive wickedly to put temptation in the way of the blameless nephew, whose name is Angus McAngus (Mr. Lauder), and whose nationality (in case you haven't suspected it) is Scottish.

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THE temptation is supplied by a lovely adventuress named Lady Chauncey; and as this lady is represented by the vivacious Ethel Levey, it is obvious that the odds against Angus are great; but the plot is never taken seriously, and before the temptation scene has gone very far Angus and Lady Chauncey are discussing among themselves the minor eccentricities of such people as Harry Lauder and Ethel Levey, while she addresses him severely as "Henry" and he calls her "Ethel." It is a most delightful piece of nonsense, with just the flavour of homeliness which is characteristic of this revue, and which is doubtless one of the explanations of its tremendous success.

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NOT the least amusing note of the play is the fun that is made of the "nearness" alleged to be characteristic of the sons of Caledonia stern and wild. Thus

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"THREE CHEERS" at the SHAFTESBURY

when Angus McAngus on foreign service wants a "fag" he borrows a packet from a French comrade, and, having generously offered the Frenchman one of the cigarettes, pockets the rest with the comfortable feeling that comes from property easily acquired. Even in the midst of his tender love scenes Angus cannot refrain from confiding in us that he has the engagement ring on sale or return—that is to say, if the lassie should refuse him he can take the ring to the shop and get his money back; and the climax of this super-reverence for bawbees is seen when Angus McAngus, having to make a journey to London, enlists in the Army so that he can travel at the expense of the State.

A VERY successful scene has the Horse Guards in Whitehall for a background. Here Mr. Lauder as a Tommy, with a tin hat and the usual layer of trench mud, sings a "patriotic" song about the return to home and mother of "the laddies who fought and won." The chorus is supplied by men in khaki, and the applause is terrific. The music is of the homely kind that can be pleasurably accompanied by the stamping of feet, and the words are singularly well-chosen.

AMONG the other performers, Mr. Jack Edge, in a scene all to himself, proves a successful narrator of short stories; and Miss Blanche Tomlin receives more encores than she is able to acknowledge for her dainty singing. Miss Ethel Levey is, of course, a host in herself, and gives one the impression that if success failed to attend any piece with which she was associated she would want to know the reason why. It would have to be a very unusual reason. There is some admirable dancing of the eccentric kind by Mr. Fred A. Leslie and Miss Ivy Shilling.

MY only regret is that I did not go earlier to see this excellent entertainment. I have been missing a good thing. *Three Cheers* easily confirms the popular view that Mr. Harry Lauder is a great artist, and the generous support accorded this revue by the public must be very gratifying to him. He alone can know what it costs him, under the shadow of the deepest bereavement a man can know, to wear a smiling face for the sake of comrades dependent upon his work for their livelihood. It is a very great thing to have done. JINGLE

The Soldier and the C.O.

A STUDY IN "TREATMENT"

PASSED BY CENSOR

At Dartmoor in Devon
The C.O.'s in Heaven.
But after the war
He'll know what Dartmoor's for!

Regimental Fables

No. V.—THE TRENCH MORTAR BATTERY

Now Jones was commander of "C" Company of the ——shires. And the ——shires were "up" in the —— Sector, "C" and "D" Companies being in the front line. And one morning Jones was sitting in his dug-out, smoking his pipe and doing a few letters to oblige his subs. And there descended unto him a rather young and nervous trench mortar battery wallah, who said unto him, "Good morning. Company headquarters? *Bon!* Oh—er—I want a position for my battery. Brought 'em along. Can you advise?" Now the trench mortar batteries do exceeding good work and everybody loves them. But most people prefer to love them at a distance. Because Boche loves them not and often "searches" for them persistently. And the things with which he searches for them do not always find them. But they sometimes find other things. Even maybe such things as company headquarters. So Jones said unto the R.Y. and N.T.M.B. wallah, "Have a drink?" And gave unto him a whiskey-and-soda. And they talked of divers matters. And Jones said: "Have another drink?" And presently he produced his map and said: "Now about this emplacement of yours. Really I don't think we have a suitable spot. I would strongly advise you to go along to 'D' Company, on the left." And the T.M.B. wallah was dissatisfied and liked it not; but eventually he took up his respirator, box, small, and went, in company with a runner whom Jones sent with him. And even unto "D" Company went he. And Jones said unto his subs. at lunch, "Trench mortar Bloke been here. Wanted to stick his things about; but I put him off." And an hour later, behold! the T.M.B. wallah returned unto Jones; and he had become distinctly annoyed, because "D" Company had tried upon him the same game. And he said, "I've got to come here. I will have a look round and see for myself." And he found a place. And he put his battery there, and began ranging and enjoying himself thoroughly.

MORAL.—Might just as well be nice at first.

—AND HIS TEMPERATURE'S UP AGAIN!

ENTHUSIASTIC NURSE: "Twenty-two didn't want to take that pill you gave me for him, but I coaxed him in the end"

SISTER IN CHARGE: "*Pill?* That was his souvenir bullet!"

No. VI.—THE VISITOR

In the little French town of X—— there was established an *Hôpital Auxiliaire* (*Anglice*, V.A.D.). And there were many wounded *poilus* and a few *officiers* therein contained. And, behold! one morning a certain beauteous damsel came to the gate, and visiting hours were Wednesdays (3-5). But she was so very beauteous that the porter went and fetched the matron. And the matron came unto the beauteous damsel and said unto her: "*B'jour, mademoiselle,* what is it that it is?" And the damsel made reply and said: "Madame, I very much desire to see Monsieur le Lieutenant G——: I wondered. . . . ." And the matron answered that the rules of the institution were exceeding strict; that visiting hours were Wednesdays (3-5); and that no one could possibly be allowed to see a patient, except near relatives. "But perhaps mademoiselle is a near relative?" Now the damsel was very quick and intelligent. And swift as an arrow in its flight she made reply unto the Matron: "Oh, *mais oui,* madame, I am his sister." And madame the matron said: "But how so charming. *Comment tu portes-tu?* Take a chair. I am *so* pleased to meet you. *He is my soul!*"

MORAL.—It's a wise woman that knows her own mother.

The Butterfly That Wished

IT HAD REMAINED A LITTLE LONGER IN THE CHRYSALIS STAGE

NOW THE WAR PESSIMIST IS DEAD, THE PEACE PESSIMIST IS BEGINNING TO PROPHESY EVIL THINGS

"It's an Ill Wind——"

By C. M. FRERE

She was very young when she became engaged to Geoff Macdonald—or, rather, when that nebulous thing called "an understanding" first came into existence between them. Geoff and she had known each other since babyhood; her father and his had been at school together. It was more or less inevitable that they should fall in love; in fact, it would have been highly unsuitable (and highly disappointing to their fathers) if they had done anything else.

She was very young, and life seemed wonderfully sweet and serene. Some day she would be Geoff's wife, and then life would be, if possible, even sweeter and serener. Or so it seemed; but war came, and nothing was sweet or serene any more.

This pair of children clung together, feeling immeasurably old. She cried "Geoff!" and he whispered "Alison!"—they kissed each other, and I fancy that the eyes of both were a little wet. Her heart almost burst with anguish and pride and worshipping adoration of his khaki. He was hers, and she his, till the end of the world—or the war.

. . . . . .

He went abroad; first to Egypt (much to his disgust), later to Salonica. She took up nursing. Time passed. Egypt and Salonica are a long way off. People don't come home for seven days from there.

She worked very hard at her hospital, and as time passed she grew almost as old as she had fancied herself to be on that day in August, 1914. Not physically old, you understand, but spiritually. One learns a lot in hospital. Sometimes it seemed to her that, even with Geoff safe home and the war over, life could never be wholly sweet and serene again. She had seen so much pain that she felt her heart must for ever go on crying out for the pity of it. Unconsciously she came to think of herself as many years Geoff's senior, forgetting that he was learning too. She had been jostled out of her easy, pleasant groove; her soul was reaching out pathetic little groping hands for something strong to cling to.

And then she met Keith Daly.

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During a month's holiday from the hospital she saw him every day. She stayed with her aunt in the country, and he was in a convalescent home run by the aunt's nearest neighbour.

He walked with a limp still, and had a scar across his forehead. Alison knew from his eyes that he, too, had grown older since August, 1914. She wanted, somehow, to take away that shadow from him. It was always there—even when he smiled. She dreamed one night that she came up behind him, as he sat in a big garden chair, and pressed her soft, cool palms against his brow, whispering: "*Now*—can you forget?" Knowing that very soon she could make him forget. Yet he was strong; she felt like a child beside him. He knew the world of men and the world of books; he could talk, though he never spoke of himself. She felt ineffably wise as they discussed together every problem of earth and of heaven; and ineffably happy when she made him laugh.

"He's a man for whom *anyone* would face death cheerfully," Alison's aunt declared. Aunt Ada was romantic. She herself would go through fire and water if he asked her.

By and by, as Alison's dream had foretold, the shadow left his eyes when he was with her. (She was so good a nurse!) . . . Was she in love with him? She did not ask herself. She only knew that for no apparent or adequate reason it had once more become possible to think of life as being sweet and serene; only knew that the world was very wonderful, very beautiful, and that she was glad to be alive. What need to dissect the situation? Besides, there was Geoff.

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There came a time when the situation had to be dissected. Alison was fundamentally honest. She sat by her window with a blotter upon her knee, while the soft little breeze of a summer evening ruffled her hair, and wrote to Geoff in Macedonia:

My Dear Old Boy,—I hate to hurt you, but there is something I must say. I want you to forget that there was ever anything between us. We can always be dear, dear friends, Geoff, can't we? I've known you for far too many years to be able to stop loving you all at once, but I've been wondering lately whether I shall ever love you *properly*—in the way that wives ought to love husbands. You'll want to know "Is there anyone else?" and you've every right to ask. Geoff, dear, I think there is. He hasn't said anything to me, and I—well, I don't know what I feel, but I'm afraid, and if he should want me, I *must* be free. I'm very frank with you. Forgive me! I hate myself. I'll always love you, but something stronger than I am is mastering me. . . ."

In the soft, sweet summer dusk she ran down the lane to the pillar-box, to post what she had written.

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Back in the hospital the days of glamour seemed to belong to quite another plane of existence. She stood once more in the world of reality, moved in a realm of common sense. She had walked in fairy lands with a dream, now she was awake, and the world of reality was a little cold and drab.

Perversely, she began to think continually of Geoff. He belonged to the waking Alison, as Daly belonged to the dream. And, wakened, her thoughts went naturally to him, as they had always done. She realised suddenly that the world of reality without him would be very cold and drab indeed. She conjured up again the memory of fairy-land, but across the image of Daly, with his charming smile and tired eyes, there flitted always the figure of Geoff Macdonald, boyish, alert, gay-hearted, with his fair young head held high. She grew restless and irritable. She began to wish that she had never written to Geoff about Daly. What had there been to write? Yet if Daly were to come to the hospital to-morrow, and look at

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her as he used to look, and talk to her as he used to talk, would she not write it again? Somehow, though, it was difficult to believe that the dream had once been true. At all events, she wasn't happy. And she could not write again to Geoff till she knew what he thought about it all.

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She was busy, and time passed. She barely had leisure to glance at the newspaper headlines, much less to study the results of U-boat enterprise, though, had she known, it might have interested her.

Time passed, and any day now she might get Geoff's answer to her letter about the dream. She felt a little sick when she thought of what he might say; she would not let herself consider what it would be like never to hear from him again.

One morning a letter awaited her, but it was only from Mabel Sinclair, her old schoolfellow. Mabel wrote voluminously, and it was not until she reached the third or fourth page that Alison came upon the sentence which entitles Mabel Sinclair to a place in this story:

"... I hear that you have met Keith Daly," she read. "Isn't he adorable? Didn't you quite lose your heart to him? But of course you did, one cannot help it! His wife is a cousin of mine. Did you know? I don't suppose you saw her; she is over in Ireland looking after the family—the children drive him very nearly crazy just now... It's awfully tragic, but I expect half a dozen tempestuous imps are a bit trying when you've lately met a shell at such very close quarters. Poor old Keith!..."

Alison went about her duties that day with a set little face and a stiff little smile, with hot shame burning in her heart.

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And on the morrow she heard from Geoff:

MY DARLING,—May the Hun be strafed for many things, but for nothing let him be strafed more heartily than for the sinking of the good ship (I forget her name) which was bringing us our last lot of mails! Do you know about this unspeakable thing, I wonder? Have you realised that your last precious letter to me lies mouldering among the fishes? .... Write to me quickly again, little love—write to me twice a day, and let the Hun do his worst! Your last letter—the last to get here, that's to say—well, I've had it so long that it is pretty well threadbare. You can't guess what they mean to me, Alison. Hearing from you seems, somehow, to be my one true sign that, in spite of everything horrible, "all's right with the world." I want you so badly, little one....

She threw herself face downwards on her narrow hospital bed, cried a little, and kissed her letter passionately.

She smiled that day in the ward, and sang softly beneath her breath when to do so would not disturb the patients.

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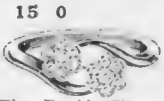

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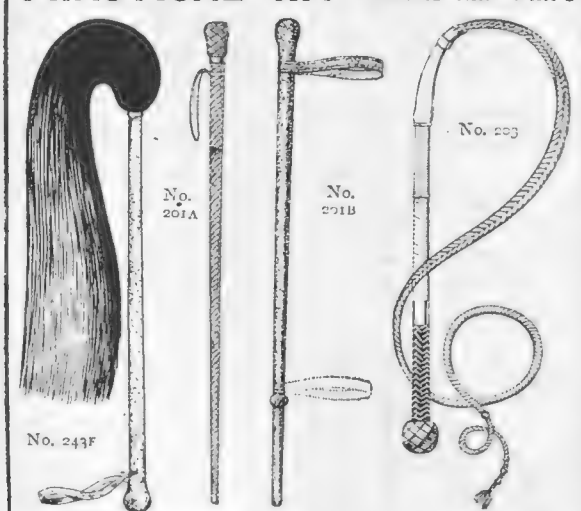

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"Families so unkind as to jeer"

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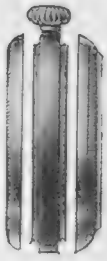

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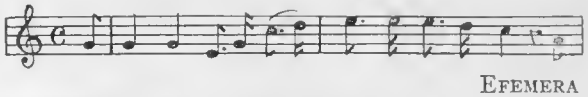

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The Dangers of Necromancy

There is an exceedingly clever study of a male necromancer in Miss Margaret Legge's new novel, *The Wane of Uxenden* (Arnold: 6*s.*), though it would be unfair to say that either the unpleasant Brother J., otherwise Jenkins, of Notting Hill, or the unfortunate Hetty, who nearly killed herself trying to reach "higher planes," is the chief character in the story. The tale itself is skilfully constructed, with any amount of good writing in it. It holds you throughout. Hermione Cheadle is the best type of modern women; you can imagine her being a great success in war-work had Miss Legge continued her history. And there is a queer, finished study of a very unpleasant Jewish family which is remarkably good. I fancy, however, that it will be the chapters which deal with the higher-plane seeking, semi-charlatans at work that will be of most interest to the reader. You know, of course, vaguely that the dangers attending Spiritualism are by no means unreal, and in Miss Legge's story the nature of those dangers becomes clear. A very readable book. R. S.

The Spirit of France

Much has been written during the last two years about "the Spirit of France"—written in rather a tone of surprise, as if we were a little taken aback to find that France possessed a spirit; written, in fact, from the old insular point of view. Captain Dawson's book, *For France* (Hodder and Stoughton: 3*s.* 6*d.* net), does not fall into this error. Professing to record "the entirely independent and unbiased impressions of two English officers" (Captain Bruce

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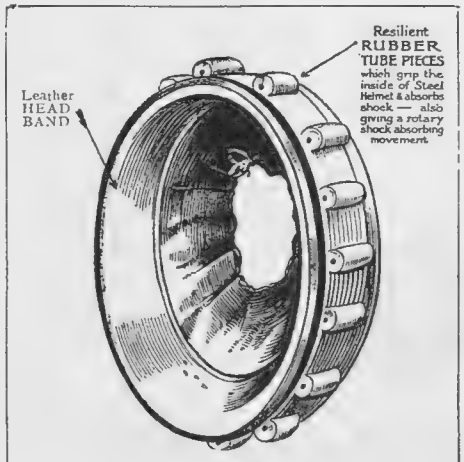

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CAPT. DAWSON AND CAPT. BAIRNSFATHER

Author and illustrator respectively of "For France," reviewed on this page

Four Words

"*C'est pour la France!*" Those four words open all doors and all hearts in France to-day; and Captain Dawson shows us how and why they do so. His sketch of Paul Dupont, grocer of Dijon and soldier of France, which fills four or five chapters of his book, exhibits the typical French soldier in his habit as he lives to-day, and makes the direct appeal to the heart and the understanding which a truthful study of character seldom fails to gain. Captain Dawson has observed closely; he has, too, the gift of making his reader see with the writer's eyes: and Captain Bairnsfather's illustrations put the finishing touch to an admirable book. His drawings of the *poilu*, so like and yet so unlike "Tommy," have humour and truth—I only wish there were more of them. The two collaborators have been fortunate to discover each other; the reader is more fortunate still in being able to enjoy the work of both in a single volume. (Copies of "For France" may be obtained from the Publisher, THE BYSTANDER, Tallis Street, Whitefriars, E.C. 4, price, post free, 4*s*.) B.

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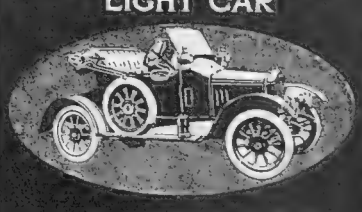

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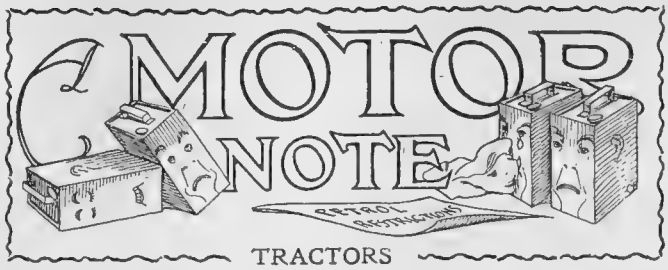

Tractors

TRACTORS and still more tractors. They stand for the essential sum of present-day motoring, most motoring of other and more pleasurable sorts having now been cut out "for the duration." Rather fortunate in the circumstances that said tractors are mainly motor-propelled, and, therefore, admissible to this corner of the paper. Otherwise we might have to search more assiduously for our subject.

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Food Production

IT happens that, for my sins, or in the national interest, I have had recent occasion to chase around England, mainly for tractor inspection purposes; and I am, at the moment, very full of the possibilities of tractors in connection with the scheme of national tillage which started on its new and extended career on the 1st of May. The forty-day and forty-night rush job is now completed, and we have a result distinctly complimentary to all concerned. I do not know one department brought into existence by the war that can show better results. I am sure most departments show very much worse results. Nor do I know one Government department that will be of greater importance, or of greater national utility, than the Food Production Department (which controls the machinery and implements — including tractors, of course) in the immediate future. We have to bring several million extra acres of the U.K. under the plough; and mechanical plough haulage happens to be the only way by which that may be done.

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The "Bullock Creeping Grip"

WHEREFORE I have just been down to the Downs to see yet another tractor at work. There was much travelling and not a little leg-exercise before we came alongside it; but when we *did* it was well worth the effort. This was a tractor of the caterpillar species, named the "Bullock Creeping Grip," and quite one of the handiest and most useful of its kind I have seen. It hails from America, but that need not worry us, particularly at this time, when every machine we can lay hold of is indispensably necessary to the work we have to do if we are not to feel more hungry than presently we shall This "Bullock" was getting through its job over very difficult country in a most efficient manner, and it we could secure supplies would certainly be a notably strong

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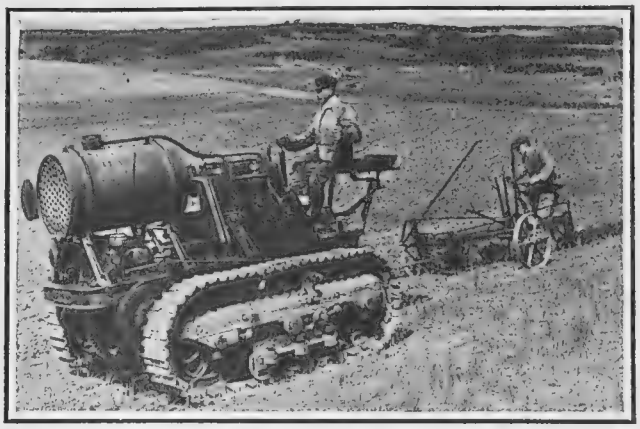
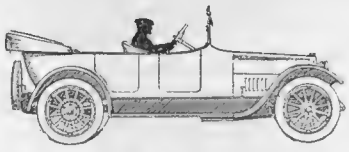


THE PLODDING PLOUGHMAN—NEW STYLE

The "Bullock Creeping Grip" chain track, or caterpillar type of farm tractor, at work on the South Downs. This machine is referred to in the accompanying article



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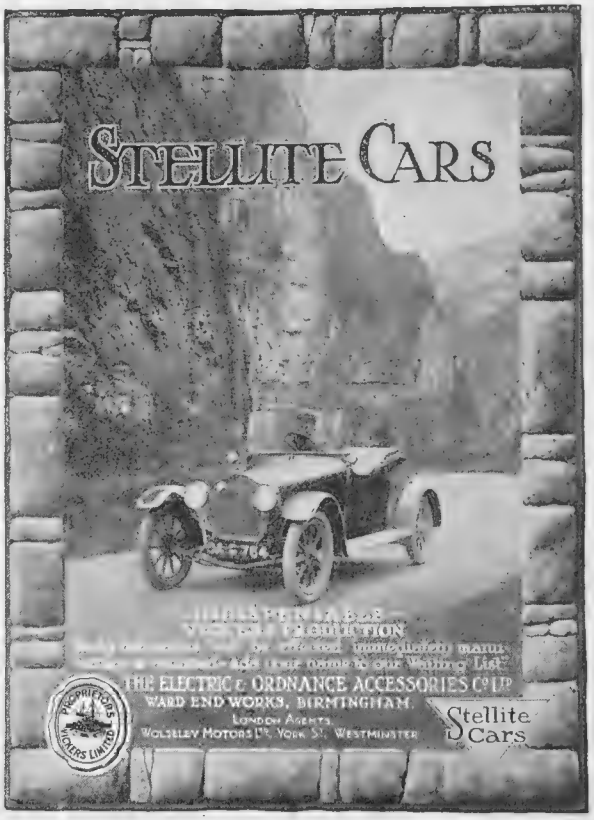

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MOTOR NOTES (concluded)

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The Value of Trials

ON this matter of tractors and efficiency, pleas are being put up for comparative tests, in order that the best and most suitable machines may be selected for the work there is to do. There is no serious objection to any such tests, although in the history of the motor-car they have not been encouraged by the industry except in the form of road trials, the results of which meant absolutely nothing. Nobody in his senses would turn down any make of vehicle just because it happened not to head its class in such a competition, and under such conditions. True, from the point of view of the ordinary user, road-touring trials were a shade more valuable than racing trials as an advertisement of a car's probable qualities, but that is still saying very little indeed for the value of them. The only test of any consequence is always the owner's test—upon that alone may reputation be builded. And as it was with cars, so it must inevitably be with tractors. The suggested comparative test may indicate something of a machine's likely qualities, but it does not by any means follow that the most successful tractor in the tests will be the most successful in ordinary use under ordinary conditions. Let us have the trials by all means. They will be most interesting to watch (and for barren motor noters to write about), but do not let us over-estimate the importance of the results. Only use can give us the data we want. Only use can eliminate the useless.

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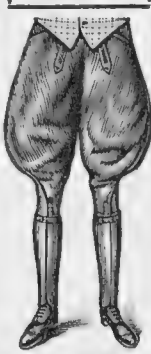

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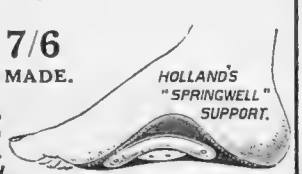

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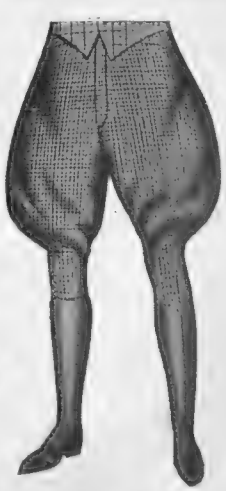

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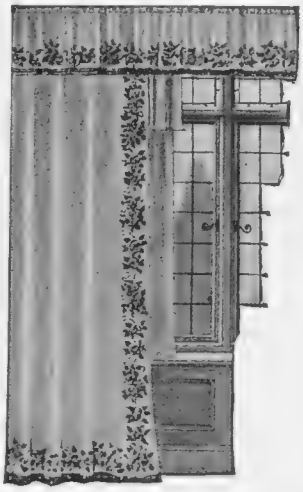

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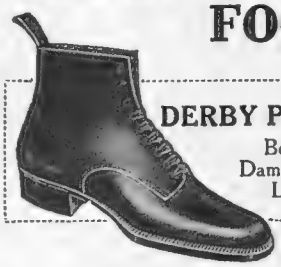

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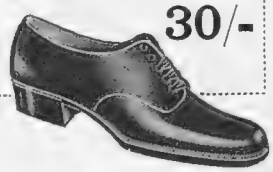

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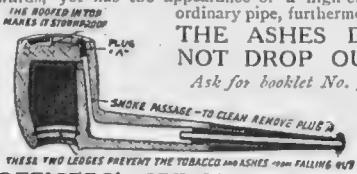

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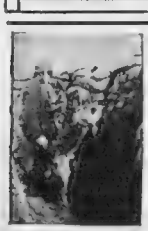

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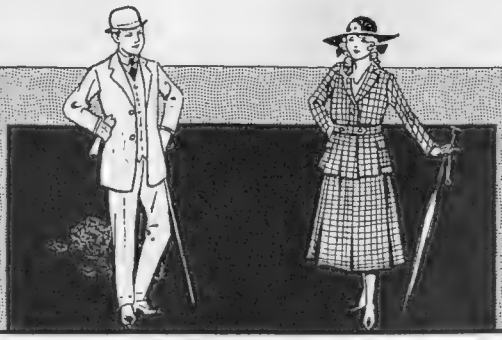

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Something About Summer Frocks

ACCORDING to plan, we shall not indulge, save on very special occasions, in white summer dresses. The laundry question is becoming a serious one, while the cost of cleaning has gone up appreciably; but the prescience of those who control the world of materials has been good, and never has there been a larger choice of plain and fancy coloured summer fabrics. *Voiles* have taken on quite a superior air, to say nothing of new names, such as "Rézo," "Pontilline," "Les Jetons de Nacre," and "Linette Rézo." The latter I particularly advise, as it is in wide stripes destined for pleating; but all these fashion into the daintiest of gowns, and few will bemoan the ban put upon white when they see the charming colourings.

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Some Notable Liberty Offerings to the Summer Galère

Welcome to many purses will be a selection of floral *voile* frocks, ready to be stepped into, which have recently put in an appearance at Liberty's. Artistically designed in the inimitable manner of the house, the range offered of daintily coloured and patterned *voiles* is almost prodigal, the cost of these dresses standing at the three following prices: 45*s.*, 35*s.* 6*d.*, and 29*s.* 6*d.* Among the 45*s.* selection come some particularly fascinating bold *chêne* effects, also one or two narrow stripes. Delicate pastel colourings characterise those at 37*s.* 6*d.*, the final range including several of the sweetest chintz fancies and tiny checks. For morning wear, the latter are fashioned in simple coat-frock style, buttoning down the front, and worn with a folded ribbon belt. The *voiles*, more delicately patterned, are rather more dressily handled, the skirts gauged about the waist, and the corsage thrown back with wide soft revers, and a graceful cape collar. The problem of how to dress coolly, expeditiously, and inexpensively is unquestionably solved by Liberty.

Blouses of Real Value

Although for many years now holding a high place in the esteem of the fastidious, the blouse section at John Barker's, Kensington, has taken another leap forward under the influence of the basqued models and fashionable jumpers. The styles showing here are quite excellent and the value exceptional.

It would be necessary to travel very far and wide to better the value of the two examples picked out of almost a bewilderment of choice. Both these pretty things are selling at 39*s.* 6*d.*, both being fashioned of a good *crêpe de Chine*. The one with the smocked waist and wide chemise *décolletage* runs through a long range of colours, while it is of moment to point out how a quite invisible

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entrance is contrived on the left-hand side of the front. In the other example the actual model sketched was of pale pink *crêpe*, the square yoke band embroidered with white silk and Nattier blue wool; but this likewise is obtainable in various colours, each one enhanced by some artistic contrasting hand embroidery.

For more ordinary summer wear John Barker's are offering other notable little jumpers in cotton *crêpe* at 12*s.* 9*d.*, blouses in the same material coming out at 9*s.* 11*d.*, the selection of colours including many delicate shades. Too well known and appreciated to need more than a passing mention are the *chic* net blouses here, together with others of *crêpe de Chine* at 12*s.* 9*d.* This sum comes within the reach of the more moderate allowances, while the models are designed to meet the most exigent taste in the matter of style, cut, and generally refined and up-to-date expression.

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He. Well?

She. The gas people set to work at once and we had gas radiators fixed in the corridors, incandescent gas everywhere, gas fires in the ward rooms, a gas incinerator——

He. My aunt! what on earth——?

She. Oh! a thing you burn rubbish in—gas sterilizers for the swabs and dressings, gas cookers in the kitchens, gas water-heaters for bathrooms, and all in two days. We *did* work, I can tell you.

He. Reg'lar old gasworks I call it——

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He. Blest if I know, but——

She. Well, anyhow, when the Colonel saw it he was awf'ly bucked, and I must say it looked top hole.

He. What did the old man say?

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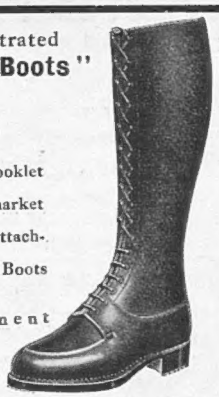

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Salmon à la Maître d'Hotel

Divide a piece of salmon into slices of half an inch, and then mix on a plate two tablespoonfuls of salad oil and a teaspoonful of salt and pepper, and turn the slices of fish in this on both sides. Place under a gas broiler and broil for five minutes on each side. Place in a very hot dish, spread maître d'hotel butter over them (butter mixed with lemon-juice, salt, and parsley finely chopped). Garnish with parsley or watercress and serve.

Salmon Steaks with Vegetables

Butter a stewpan, and put in one small sliced onion and a handful of finely cut vegetables, as used for Julienne soup. Lay in the salmon, cut in steaks, add a gill of stock and a glass of white wine. Stew the fish in this gravy for half an hour, then take it out and keep hot, strain the gravy, and thicken with a roux (butter and flour), add seasoning and a teaspoonful of anchovy sauce, pour the gravy over the fish, strew some capers over, and serve. This can be cooked in a casserole in the oven, if preferred.

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Mayonnaise of Salmon

Remove all bones and skin from the fish, and arrange it neatly in a silver dish. Make a mayonnaise sauce, and shortly before the dish is to be served pour the sauce over. It should cover the fish thickly. Garnish with cress, shredded lettuce (if obtainable), beetroot, or cucumber in thin slices, and hard-boiled egg. For the mayonnaise : Beat up the yolks of two eggs, working into them gradually six tablespoonfuls of salad oil, a little made mustard, salt and pepper. Add sufficient vinegar to dilute it to the right consistency. It should be very thick.

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